

Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/ on the CMS web site.

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Chiropractic Demonstration 2007 Rate Change

Provider Types Affected

Chiropractors who are allowed to bill Medicare carriers or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services under the Expansion of Coverage for Chiropractic Services Demonstration.

What These Providers Need to Know

CR 5396, from which this article is taken, implements new 2007 fee rates for CPT 98943 (to replace the current 2006 rates), under the Expansion of Coverage for Chiropractic Services Demonstration. The 2007 rates are in the following table:

State/Area	Non-Facility Fee	Facility Fee
New Mexico	\$21.38	\$18.69
Iowa	\$21.11	\$18.47
Virginia	\$21.71	\$18.86
Dupage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties, Illinois	\$23.82	\$20.43
Cook County, Illinois	\$24.08	\$20.67
Remaining Counties in Illinois	\$21.37	\$18.73

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Cumberland and York Counties, Maine	\$22.33	\$19.26
Remaining Counties in Maine	\$21.28	\$18.59

Background

Section 651 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) required the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to conduct the Expansion of Coverage for Chiropractic Services Demonstration. This two-year demonstration (designed to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of expanding coverage of chiropractic services under Medicare) began on April 4, 2005 in selected geographic areas (the states of New Mexico and Maine, 26 northern counties in Illinois, Scott County in Iowa, and 17 central counties in Virginia).

One of the services that chiropractors are allowed to bill for under the demonstration is CPT 98943 (chiropractic manipulative treatment, extraspinal, one or more regions).

Note: You should be aware that this CPT is covered only under this demonstration.

Therefore, effective for dates of service January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007, your carriers and Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC) will use the fee amounts for CPT code 98943 found in Table 1.

Please note that the demonstration will end on March 31, 2007.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your Medicare contractor on this issue is available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R52DEMO.pdf on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip

Flu Shot Reminder

It's Not Too Late to Get the Flu Shot. We are in the midst of flu season and a flu vaccine is still the best way to prevent infection and the complications associated with the flu. But re-vaccination is necessary each year because the flu viruses change each year. Encourage your Medicare patients who haven't already done so to get their annual flu shot and don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends. Get Your Flu Shot. It's Not Too Late! Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to CMS's website: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf .

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